

Has He Kept Us Out of War?

"He kept us out of war" is offered by the Democratic Party as a statement of a supreme accomplishment. That slogan is false. To accept it without thought or reason is dangerous to the life of the nation.

For months we have been conducting a border war with Mexico. At Vera Cruz we demanded that our flag be saluted. The demand was refused. We landed troops; a battle followed. We withdrew without the salute, bringing nineteen of our dead with us and leaving our honor behind; and to this day the salute demanded has not been fired.

The weakness of Mexico, not the strength of the United States, is all that has prevented our act of war from being turned into the serious fact of war. If the slaughter of American citizens—men, women and children—by armed troops, if the killing of American soldiers by the soldiers of another nation, if the sacking of our towns is not war, what is it?

The Judge Advocate General of our army says it is war. The Mexicans say it is war. Wilson's acts show it is war, but Wilson's voice says it is peace. The Truth is that it is more than war. It is war without honor and murder without reparation. It is a condition that makes every true citizen ashamed of the spectacle we have become in the eyes of other nations.

Wilson's course vitalized civil war in Mexico and border war with us. The vacillating and irresolute policy of the present administration has brought humiliation upon this country, both at home and abroad.

We have been at war; we are now at war; many lives have been lost; our honor has been besmirched, and yet the Democratic Party cries to the nation "He kept us out of war." "He has protected me and mine." The fact is that he has neglected our greatest treasures—the lives of our citizens and the honor of our country.

It is the world war in Europe, not the acts of the Wilson administration, which has kept us out of international complications that would have sorely tried our courage, and our strength.

Just prior to the outbreak of the war there was forming a combination of European nations to demand of us that we stop the disorder in Mexico, to demand protection of the lives and vast property of European citizens in Mexico, to declare that these European nations would give protection by force of arms if we did not.

What would that have meant? It would have meant that we must adopt a determined policy to enforce order in Mexico, which was the only duty consistent with the stewardship which we assumed under the Monroe Doctrine; or it would have meant war or the surrender of the Monroe Doctrine.

It was the accident of war in Europe which then prevented retribution for the policies of the administration in Mexico.

When the war is over those nations will again press their claims and we will face the consequences of the Wilson policy of watchful waiting.

Have we sunk so low that we can approve such a policy? Have we become so morally flabby that we will tolerate its continuance?

This administration has created war. It has created causes for future serious international friction.

Notes and words and shades of meaning born of rhetoric rather than straightforward patriotic sincerity, have marked the course of our relations with foreign nations.

Force of character, a fair and honorable course, would have closed the debate which facility of language kept open. Force of character would have stopped murder on the high sea.

Does the low estate into which we have fallen among nations make a foundation upon which to build prestige for this country or safety and moral stamina for our children?

It is our tradition to honorably keep out of war but not to spinelessly creep into war.

Mr. Wilson has not kept us out of war. Mr. Wilson has put us into war.

Mr. Wilson is making war upon the moral fiber of this nation.

"A Nation Which Does Not Protect Its Citizens Has Already Begun to Die"

Republican National Publicity Committee

WORKMEN LOSE UNDER WILSON AVERS BENSON

Socialist Nominee Talks to 5,000 Tulsans at the Ball Park.

CHARGES that under the Wilson administration the standard of living for workmen has decreased were made here Tuesday night by Allan L. Benson, Socialist nominee for president. Benson spoke in the baseball park to an audience of more than five thousand persons.

Prices of commodities have risen to such a height since the Democrats came into power, Benson declared, that cheap and flimsy substitutes are replacing them.

Flour is now \$11 a barrel, the speaker pointed out, and instead of

seeking measures to lower it the Democratic administration, under the influence of the president, is suggesting to the people that they use potato flour. Since the recent advances in leather, one of the departments of the government has advocated substitution of wooden shoes for leather, Benson said.

In New York a law has been passed making legal the sale of horse-flesh for human consumption. The laboring men don't like to eat horse flesh but they have to do it since Wilson went into power, said the Socialist nominee.

Exportation the Cause.

These conditions are being brought about, Benson believes, by the exportation of great quantities of foodstuffs and necessities. The United States needs annually 630,000,000 bushels of wheat and this year's production will be about 611,000,000 bushels, yet American exporters have already contracted to export 400,000,000 bushels, he asserted.

Benson promised that if elected president he would stop the export of foodstuffs until every man, woman and child of the United States were assured of an adequate food supply and if necessary would call out the navy to enforce his demands.

The Hay-Chamberlain bill which gives the president power to draft men into the army in time of war was bitterly scored by Benson. He predicted that it would foster militarism in the United States and work a hardship upon the working man.

"Three million Socialist votes will compel the Democratic and Republican parties to go about the repeal of the draft law that both parties smug-

gled through congress last spring and which the president signed on June 3," Benson asserted.

"Three million Socialist votes will also stop food exports," he added.

The appropriations for the army and navy by the last congress were greater than those of any belligerent European nation during the past year, Benson said. This, he said, was due to the influence of capitalists who desire to bring about a state of military rule.

In Fight to Stay.

The candidate assured his hearers that he was in the fight to stay not only until the end of the campaign but until the end of his life.

Benson spoke for one hour and ten minutes. Bringing his speech to a close he appealed to everyone in the audience to "do their duty on election day."

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Benson has been on tour 46 days and has visited almost as many cities during that time. He is accompanied by his secretary and the Socialist campaign manager, George H. Gobel, of Newark, N. J. Ben Greenland of Tulsa presided at last night's meeting and made a brief speech in introducing the candidate.

BURGLAR MAY HAVE DEPARTED IN HASTE

Miss Mary Cover Returns Unexpectedly to Find House in Chaos. Nothing is Missing.

The unexpected appearance of Miss Mary Cover at her home, 15 West Second, at about 11:30 yesterday morning may have saved her the loss of large quantities of silver and other valuable goods.

When she stepped into the house everything was in chaos. The drawers of the bureau were open. The silverware was piled on the floor. No one could be seen and Miss Cover believed that the house had been rifled by a burglar who, however, left before obtaining anything, when he heard her approaching.

THIS IS NOISE TULSANS HEARD

As workmen lowered a charge of dynamite into an oil well between West Tulsa and Jenks it came in contact with a pocket of gas and exploded. Several feet of dirt were blown out and a wagon was wrecked. No one was hurt. The explosion occurred about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

ECHOES

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GRAND OPERA SEASON CLOSURES IN A TRIUMPH

Rendition of "Il Trovatore" by Ellis Company Pleased Thousands.

(By W. R. GIBBERSON)

THERE may be a few still floating about in the etherial blue, but the majority of us are back with our noses to the grindstone and finding out just where we are after it all has passed on. Did anyone ever see such perfect weather? Everything has worked in perfect harmony for Tulsa.

The grand opera season is over, the bright light of everyday work has come out and the "stars" have faded away into the sacred vaults of our most pleasant memories.

Tuesday night a house with every seat filled greeted Campanini as he stepped out to take his place before his wonderful orchestra. And he gave us more than the order called for, and from the most stupendous applause it was evident that the audience appreciated it. As "Carmen" was a success, yes, even so was "Il Trovatore". A gorgeous production with an incomparable cast. Think of it—Rappold, Homer, Peterson, Kingston and Rother. And who is there who heard the magnificent voice of Rappold last night in the beautiful character of Leonora, or the rich velvet tones of Homer as Azucena, who did not go away thrilled with happiness that they had seen and heard?

And then Kingston in the difficult tenor role of Manrico, impressing one with the fact that his portrayal of that character is a masterpiece of voice, physique, combined with almost perfect acting, meeting the mezzo voices and robos with equal reserve and disseminating the feeling of his thorough knowledge of it all.

Poles's Singing Varied.

Poles, the count, and who looks every inch the part, sings with that ease and grace, yet filled with that fire of vengeance so often displayed in his singing of the fair Leonora, but in all reaches his climaxes in a manner which makes one feel that he still has something to give.

Those of you who heard Rother in the role of the captain in "Carmen" were pleased, but in that Abbotta singing, that fierce rhythmic tune, expressing all the shades of horror, Rother was at his best. It is a gruesome story and the awe-stricken whispers of the chorus only add to its gruesomeness.

"Il Trovatore" is perhaps more familiar to most of us, not as an opera, but from the familiar strains throughout it all. Who of us has not heard the "Anvil Chorus" and the "Miserere"—"Ah, I Have Sighed to Rest Me"?

Rappold rose in triumph before her listeners. A voice "beautiful, sympathetic, seemingly befitting the beautiful character of Leonora. Every tone

filled with that something which seemed to emanate from the heart and clearly conveyed her truest love for her troubadour, true to the point of death for him.

Last night was a victory for Homer, as far as Tulsa is concerned. But Madame Homer would triumph anywhere. Such a voice, such brilliancy of tone and such wonderful acting stands supreme.

Her reception was an ovation. It was not her first appearance here. She had already won the love of the people of Tulsa and Oklahoma and that love was deeply seated in their hearts; and loving her, it was no wonder they greeted her as they did. It was not Azucena they greeted, but Madame Homer whom they knew.

But, tell me please, where was Azucena ever sung as Homer sang it. Tell me please, where is there an Azucena who ever sang that aria in the second act, "Pierce Flaming Are Soaring," as Madame Homer sang it. Living every word and tone through the scene of her mother's execution, every detail stamped indelibly upon her memory.

Yes, Madame Homer was really and truly an Azucena as it impresses one the character should be.

Probably the most impressive of all "Il Trovatore" is not four and of course the climax in the last scene.

In this act it is that Leonora sings the plaintive love song to Manrico within the prison walls. And, ah, how effectively Marie Rappold sinks it. Revealing her heartfelt grief for the sorrows which she cannot relieve.

Following is the most famous of Verdi's operatic scenes, the "Miserere," and then there breaks the beautiful air of the troubadour, sung within the prison. "Ah! I Have to Rest Me" and as Kingston sang it last night, well, to say it was beautiful would be putting it mildly, but Kingston's voice, there's the secret. To have sung the words to the music would have been pleasing, but the indelibility that Kingston put into it last night was what made it beautiful.

Brought Out Beauty.

The famous "Home to Our Mountains," sung so beautifully by Madame Homer and Kingston, brought out perhaps more than any other the real beauty of Homer's voice.

Then the tragic end, the dramatic aria of Manrico accusing Leonora of her falsity but only for the moment for he soon discovers that she has taken poison for his sake and then the sadness of it all as he pleads forgiveness. The count enters just as Leonora is breathing her last and realizing what she has done, orders Manrico to his execution. Azucena awakens and finding Manrico gone, rises and with a cry "You have killed your brother," falls in a swoon and the curtain slowly descends as the count realizes his fatal mistake.

Of course we paid for it, but thanks to Mr. Ellis for choosing Tulsa as one of the nine cities to receive the honor. We paid for it, yes, but did we not get value received? Think of it—Farrar, Homer, Stanley, Rappold, Peterson and Forina; then Muratore, Whitehill, Kingston, Poles, Rother and others, all in two days. Some musical feast, but we consumed it and what is more, digested it.

There were some unpleasant happenings particularly in handling the overflow crowd for Carmen, but it was absolutely unavoidable and I am sure the committee has done all in its power to overcome any irregularities and will do all that it can to relieve any grievances. This was a tremendous undertaking for Tulsa and taking all in all, a remarkable success.

END FASHION WEEK WITH BIG PARADE

Merchants Stage Elaborate Display as Climax to Annual Celebration.

Tulsa merchants and Tulsa people made the closing feature of Fashion week a success, just as they have of everything they have set their hands to do.

The industrial and floral parade of yesterday afternoon closed the annual observance and thousands who lined the principal streets of the city and thousands of out-of-town guests were brought to a greater realization that "Tulsa will" in everything that Tulsa tries to do.

The industrial section of the parade displayed to a splendid advantage the industrial activities of the city, and after the procession had wound its way through the streets, amid applause, to the place of disbandment at Convention hall, those who had witnessed it were more firmly convinced that there was no other thing that could be said to be the backbone of Tulsa.

Versatile City.

As one in the crowd which watched the procession said to his out-of-town guest, "Yes, oil may be the backbone in Tulsa, but each of those floats out there represents a mighty strong rib that even yet has not attained its strength."

The procession was headed by a platoon of Tulsa police and followed by the military band.

Next in line came the polished car in which rode the mayor and city commissioners. Next came the executives of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, headed by President J. H. McEwen. A large steel float followed, bearing large banners on which was the legend "For All Tulsa All the Time."

In line after the officials came the different floats. There were probably one hundred cars in the parade. Several thousand persons viewed it.

NO WATER NEAR SO HOUSE BURNS

Lack of water caused the Kendall grocery store to burn to the ground and resulted in damage to the amount of \$3,500 yesterday afternoon.

The fire started in the attic and may have been due to defective wiring. When the firemen arrived the fire had gained headway and they had to remain outside and watch it burn to ashes as there was no water supply which could be connected to the fire.

The Kendall grocery is in the Kendall addition where city water is not available.

Oklahoma Clearings Soar.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 31.—Total bank clearings in Oklahoma City for the month of October amounted to \$29,435,548.71, which compares with \$12,988,000 for October, 1915, an increase of practically 130 per cent. The clearings for the month marked the highest point thus far reached in the financial history of the city.

DEFECTIVE FLUE CAUSES A BLAZE

Fire broke out shortly before 11 o'clock yesterday morning in the residence of Harvey Aurandt, 521 South Eldon. The blaze was due to a defective flue.

When discovered the fire had spread over the rear of the house. It crept up to the roof and by the time the fire department arrived half of the roof was in flames. A hole was chipped in the roof to admit the fire hose.

Several streams of water were shot over the house and the blaze was extinguished. Much of the household goods was ruined by water.

The house is owned by T. J. Quinn. The damage is estimated at about \$1,000, fully covered by insurance.

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